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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 116

Introduced by Assembly Member McCarty

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to National Kidney Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 116, as amended, McCarty. National Kidney Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2016, and each year thereafter, as National Kidney Month, would express the Legislature's support of programs that work to, among other things, increase awareness of kidney disease, and would encourage health care providers to engage in an aggressive program for the treatment of diabetes and high blood pressure.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Month of March is National Kidney Month,
2 and March 10, 2016, is World Kidney Day; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 50 years ago, kidney failure was
4 a death sentence; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1972, the United States Congress developed the
6 Medicare End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) program. In doing so,
7 Congress ensured that regardless of age or income, any American
8 would have access to life-saving dialysis care; and

9 WHEREAS, One in 10 adults in the United States are living
10 with kidney disease; the leading causes are diabetes, high blood
11 pressure, and a family history of chronic kidney disease (CKD);
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death
14 in the United States. Once diagnosed, an individual with kidney
15 failure must either get a kidney transplant or receive dialysis
16 treatment at least three times per week, for three to four hours per
17 treatment, to live; and

18 WHEREAS, CKD is a progressive disease that may lead to
19 premature death or kidney failure; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 26 million Americans have CKD, but
21 most are unaware that they have it, and another 73 million are at
22 risk. Many of them only discover that they have kidney failure,
23 also known as end-stage renal disease (ESRD), when they “crash”
24 in a hospital emergency room after fainting or suffering from
25 extreme dizziness; and

26 WHEREAS, Nearly 616,000 Americans have ESRD, and more
27 than 430,000 rely on life-sustaining dialysis; and

28 WHEREAS, The only treatment options for kidney failure are
29 a kidney transplant or dialysis; and

30 WHEREAS, More than 95,000 individuals are waiting for
31 kidney transplants; and

32 WHEREAS, Since 2000, the number of patients who have been
33 diagnosed with kidney failure has increased by 57 percent; and

34 WHEREAS, According to statistics from the federal Centers
35 for Disease Control and Prevention, one in three people with
36 diabetes has kidney disease; one in five adults with high blood
37 pressure has chronic kidney disease; African Americans are about
38 three and a half times more likely to develop kidney failure than
39 Caucasians; Latinos are one and a half times more likely to develop
40 kidney failure than non-Latinos; and Asian and Pacific Islander

1 Americans are twice as likely to develop kidney failure as
2 Caucasians; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
5 March 2016, and each year thereafter, as National Kidney Month
6 in California; and be it further

7 *Resolved*, That the Legislature supports programs to increase
8 awareness of kidney disease, work to educate Californians about
9 healthy eating and drinking habits, and encourage individuals to
10 seek early screening and treatment of diabetes and high blood
11 pressure; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages health care providers,
13 as they detect and treat diabetes and high blood pressure, to engage
14 in an aggressive program with their patients that includes a
15 treatment regimen that meets and exceeds minimum treatment
16 guidelines; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
18 of the resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.